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BIPD Announces 2015 Bainbridge Island Citizens' Police Academy

Bainbridge Island, WA: Bainbridge Island residents that are interested in law enforcement are encouraged to apply for a free, hands-on learning experience with the Bainbridge Island Police Department. The Citizens' Police Academy gives residents access to information on how the Bainbridge Island Police Department functions, including everything from traffic enforcement, narcotics, and criminal law, to defensive tactics and investigations. The academy is not intended to prepare people for a career in law enforcement, but is an opportunity to give community members a chance to see how public safety is achieved, and better understand the types of challenges officers face daily.

Citizens' Academy is only offered once a year. The 2015 program runs from **Tuesday, February 10th through Tuesday, April 14th**. Classes are held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Tuesday nights, with two optional Saturday sessions. Students also have the opportunity to visit the CenCom 911 dispatch center, the Kitsap County Coroner's Office, and the Kitsap County Jail.

Chief of Police Matthew Hamner explains, "The program was started to give citizens insight into what officers do while on patrol. It's a great opportunity, as students get to gain a perspective of what happens behind the scenes, while also having the opportunity to get acquainted with some of the officers who serve them."

Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and class size is limited to 20 students. For questions or an application, call the Bainbridge Island Police Department at 206-842-5211, or visit the Police page on the City website: <http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/135/Citizens-Academy>.

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